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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****SONOMA COUNTY FAIR**

1350 Bennett Valley Road  
Santa Rosa, California

**Report of the Board of Stewards****To the California Horse Racing Board**

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor

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**Report for the period Wednesday, August 1, 2018 through Sunday, August 5, 2018.****GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Eight Days – Thursday, August 2, 2017 through Sunday, August 12, 2018.  
(Dark Monday: August 6; Tuesday: August 7; and Wednesday: August 8)

Entries: Seventy-two to One hundred-twenty hours in advance

Scratch Time: 9:30 a.m. the next entry day

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays  
2:15 p.m. Fridays

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race

Exotic Wagering: All races - \$1 Exacta – Trifecta – Rolling Pick 3 – Pick 6  
\$2 Rolling Double  
.10 cent Superfecta  
.50 cent Pick 4 (first 4 & last 4) – Pick 5 – Rolling Super High 5

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board – C. Scott Chaney, Will Meyers,  
Dennis Nevin, Richard Lewis – Safety Steward

Track Officials: Rebecca Bartling – Fair CEO  
Stacey Lapham - Director of Racing  
Robert Moreno - Racing Secretary  
Linda Anderson - Assistant Racing Secretary  
Paul Porter - Director of Simulcasting  
Doug Gooby - Mutuel Manager  
Michael Wrona - Race Announcer

Victoria Layne - Paymaster  
 Michael Patricks - Morning Line Maker  
 Randy Malmgren - Stable Superintendent  
 Juan Meza - Track Superintendent  
 Pegasus Communications - Video Production  
 Vassar Photography - Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Steve Martinelli - Placing Judge  
 Morgann Schlessner - Placing Judge  
 Danny Winick - Paddock Judge & Film Analyst  
 Kenny Fowler - Patrol Judge  
 Myra Troske - Patrol Judge  
 Kenny Sjoldal - Clerk of Scales  
 Chris Lapham - Assistant Clerk of Scales  
 Gary Greiner - Horse Identifier  
 Todd Stephens - Starter  
 Tina Walker-Bryant - Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbreds  
 Lisa Jones - Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds  
 Agustin Rayas - Horseshoe Inspector  
 Melody Truitt - Clocker / Timer

Veterinarians: Sarah Sporer, DVM - Fitness / Race Veterinarian  
 Forrest Franklin, DVM - CHRB Veterinarian

**Monday**07-30-18<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Will Meyers was on duty to supervise entries.

**Tuesday**07-31-18<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Will Meyers was again present to supervise entries.

**Wednesday**08-01-18<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Will Meyers was on duty to supervise entries and declarations.

**Thursday**08-02-18<sup>1</sup>**RULING #1 – FRANK ALVARADO****RULING #1**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode **KAWARA (BRZ)** in the seventh race at the California State Fair on Sunday, July 29, 2018 is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three consecutive times without giving the horse a change to respond).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Alvarado appeared and acknowledged he violated the crop rules.

08-02-18<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> race: #4 LOOKS GOOD N A TUX

Sick – DVM Sporer

(Tr. S. Calvario)

REFUND: \$ 52.60

7<sup>th</sup> race: #4 UNION WINE

Injured in Starting Gate DVM Sporer

(Tr. I. Tamayo)

REFUND: \$25,787.35

08-02-18<sup>3</sup>**ACCIDENT – 1st RACE**

Soon after the start of this three hundred and fifty yard mule race, #5 CHURCH ON SUNDAY (Tr. Joan Orr Beach) started bucking and unseated jockey Cristobal Herrera. Jockey Herrera landed on his feet and was not injured. CHURCH ON SUNDAY was placed on the Stewards List.

08-02-18<sup>4</sup> **FILLY PULLS UP UNSOUND – 6<sup>th</sup> RACE**

Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, DVM reported that the three year filly #2 EVA KNOWS (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) pulled up unsound following the race and was given a ride home in the horse ambulance. The initial report was a right front suspensory issue.

08-02-18<sup>5</sup> **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 6<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race to review an incident near the 1/8 pole involving #3 LIFE NO PAROLE (Victor Flores) seventh and #1 BLUE'S LUCKY GIRL (Juan Hernandez) who finished fourth.

After reviewing the video and interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows #3 LIFE NO PAROLE attempt to move through a narrow opening along the rail and forced to take back for a lack of racing room.

08-02-18<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                     |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| SR           | 1,876        | \$ 145,260.90       |
| NCOT         | 1,087        | \$ 445,328.28       |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 101,792.30       |
| Out of State |              | \$ 291,720.41       |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,963</b> | <b>\$984,101.89</b> |

**Friday**08-03-18<sup>1</sup> **VIDEO REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey Victor Flores met with the Stewards to review the video of the sixth race from Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Mr. Flores and his mount were involved in an inquiry that saw him drive into a tight hole along the rail and forced to take back sharply. The young apprentice was strongly advised to be more cautious and not try to force his way through narrow openings.

08-03-18<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race: #2 COOPER'S DASHER

No Rider Available - Stewards

(Tr. H. Shelley)

REFUND: \$ 1,664.00

This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was cancelled.

08-03-18<sup>3</sup> **RULING #2 – VICTOR FLORES****RULING #2**

Apprentice Jockey **VICTOR FLORES** who rode LUCKY VIEWS in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair on Thursday, August 2, 2018 is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three consecutive times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Flores met with the Stewards and acknowledged violating the crop rule.

08-03-18<sup>4</sup> **WAGERING DELAYS**

Mutuel Manager Doug Gooby contacted the Stewards prior to the first race and informed them there was a communications system failure and the on-site machines were frozen. Mr. Gooby indicated a recent change in systems appears to have failed and attempts are being made to bring the new system back up.

A five minute delay in the start of the first race was followed by a four minute delay in the second race as the system bounced on and off.

Mr. Gooby again contacted the Stewards and informed them that Roberts Communications Network was in the process of converting the communication system back to the old system as the recently installed one had failed. More to come.

08-03-18<sup>5</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| SR           | 3,083        | \$ 205,821.30         |
| NCOT         | 1,668        | \$ 781,373.92         |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 185,192.30         |
| Out of State |              | \$ 533,883.81         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>4,751</b> | <b>\$1,706,271.33</b> |

**Saturday**08-04-18<sup>1</sup>**DECLARATIONS:**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> race: #2 ROCKING CHIEFTAIN | (Tr. F. Lucarelli)   |
| Sick – DVM Sporer                          | REFUND: \$ 151.26    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race: #2 MY ANGEL CINDY    | (Tr. C. DeLima)      |
| Sick – DVM Sporer                          | REFUND: \$ see below |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race: #6 MARIPOSA BRAVA    | (Tr. G. Preciado)    |
| Sick – DVM Sporer                          | REFUND: \$ 177.00    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> race: #9 A BRIDES SONG     | (Tr. C. DeLima)      |
| Injured – DVM Sporer                       | REFUND: \$ 115.20    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> race: #9 A LITTLE BIT ME   | (Tr. D. O'Neill)     |
| Sick – DVM Sporer                          | REFUND: \$ 604.00    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> race: #8 SNAPPY JACK      | (Tr. J. Puentes)     |
| Injured – DVM Sporer                       | REFUND: \$ 46.37     |

08-04-18<sup>2</sup>**RULING #3 – VICTOR FLORES****RULING #3**

Apprentice Jockey **VICTOR FLORES** who rode SASSY JAZZY in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair on Friday, August 3, 2018 is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three consecutive times without giving the horse a chance to respond - second offense in sixty (60) days).

Apprentice jockey Victor Flores met with the Stewards for the second day in a row regarding his use of the riding crop. The young man is learning the hard way that striking his mount more than three consecutive times gets expensive. He admitted his mistake and stated he understands the consequences.

08-04-18<sup>3</sup>**RULING #4 – JESUS VELAZQUEZ****RULING #4**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** who was scheduled to ride at the Sonoma County Fair on Thursday, August 2, 2018 and Friday August 3, 2018 is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Velazquez appeared to explain his failure to be present to fulfill his riding engagements on Thursday, August 2, 2018, and Friday, August 3, 2018.

Mr. Velazquez stated he is suffering from a skin rash that flares up and requires medication. He said the rash was bad the last couple of days and he did not feel like riding.

**08-04-18<sup>4</sup> OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the first race (mule) at the request of jockey Hugo Herrera, who finished second on #1 SWS GRAND FINALE. Mr. Herrera lodged a claim of four against #5 LIL SARAH (Shawn Spikes), the winner.

After interviewing the riders involved, the patrol judges and reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official. The video shows #5 LIL SARAH does drift into the path of #1 SWS GRAND FINALE, however he was clear at the time.

**08-04-18<sup>5</sup> ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| SR           | 4,428        | \$ 419,144.59         |
| NCOT         | 2,803        | \$1,146,322.02        |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 337,363.10         |
| Out of State |              | \$ 698,672.66         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>7,231</b> | <b>\$2,601,502.37</b> |

**Sunday****08-05-18<sup>1</sup> DECLARATIONS:**6<sup>th</sup> race: #3 CLARE'S GLARE

(Tr. M. Stortz)

Lost rider – ran off in post parade – Stewards

REFUND: \$3,717.28

**08-05-18<sup>2</sup> RULING #5 – JESUS VELAZQUEZ****RULING #5**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** who rode **CATS SURFIN** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair on Saturday, August 4, 2018 is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop - used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond - second offense in last sixty days).

**08-05-18<sup>3</sup> HORSE WAS INJURED – 9<sup>th</sup> RACE**

#8 REWIRED (Frank Alvarado) was injured near the 5/8 pole and was pulled up by jockey Alvarado. Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer reported the three year old colt suffered a left foreleg injury and was given a ride home in the horse ambulance.

**08-05-18<sup>4</sup> ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| SR           | 4,076        | \$ 346,477.86         |
| NCOT         | 2,542        | \$1,078,473.33        |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 311,697.00         |
| Out of State |              | \$ 806,918.23         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>9,618</b> | <b>\$2,543,566.42</b> |

**W E E K L Y   S U M M A R Y**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

| Date     | Race | No. | Horse               | Trainer   | Reason                   | Vet    | Refund             |
|----------|------|-----|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 08-02-18 | 4    | 4   | LOOKS GOOD IN A TUX | Calvario  | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>\$52.60</b>     |
| 08-02-18 | 7    | 4   | UNION WINE          | Tamayo    | Injured in Starting Gate | Sporer | <b>\$25,787.35</b> |
| 08-04-18 | 2    | 2   | ROCKING CHIEFTAIN   | Lucarelli | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>\$151.26</b>    |
| 08-04-18 | 6    | 2   | ANGEL CINDY         | DeLima    | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>See below</b>   |
| 08-04-18 | 6    | 6   | MARIPOSA BRAVA      | Preciado  | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>\$177.00</b>    |
| 08-04-18 | 7    | 9   | BRIDES SONG         | DeLima    | Injured                  | Sporer | <b>\$115.20</b>    |
| 08-04-18 | 9    | 9   | A LITTLE BIT ME     | O'Neill   | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>\$604.00</b>    |
| 08-04-18 | 10   | 8   | SNAPPY JACK         | Puentes   | Sick                     | Sporer | <b>\$264.90</b>    |

**VETERINARY REPORT****Euthanized/Died –**

8/5/18: REWIRED (S. Specht) sesamoids fractures - Santa Rosa (turf)

**Veterinarian's List**

There were nineteen (9) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 5  
 Injured: 3  
 Unsound: 1

There were fourteen (8) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 6  
 Injured: 2

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

|                      | 8/02 | 8/03 | 8/04 | 8/05 | Week | Meet |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ACCIDENTS            | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| CAL-BRED RACES       | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| CLAIMS               | 1    | 1    | 5    | 0    | 7    | 7    |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 2    |
| REFUNDS              | 2    | 1    | 6    | 1    | 10   | 10   |
| RULINGS              | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 5    | 5    |
| CLAIMS VOID          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

|                 |       |                |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| Anderson        | 0     | \$0.00         |
| Bankers Casino  | 0     | \$0.00         |
| Ferndale        | 0     | \$0.00         |
| Fresno          | 222   | \$85,909.50    |
| Fresno Club One | 76    | \$54,685.30    |
| Monterey        | 166   | \$982,534.44   |
| Pleasanton      | 1,073 | \$80,825.72    |
| Sacramento      | 854   | \$438,745.12   |
| San Jose        | 1,480 | \$347,190.59   |
| San Mateo       | 1,849 | \$335,238.48   |
| Santa Rosa      | 1,849 | \$989,497.24   |
| Stockton        | 708   | \$232,362.91   |
| Tulare          | 0     | \$0.00         |
| Turlock         | 0     | \$0.00         |
| Vallejo         | 578   | \$240,213.48   |
| So. California  | 0     | \$936,044.70   |
| Out of State    | 0     | \$2,331,195.11 |

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**


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**Will Meyers, Steward**


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**C. Scott Chaney, Steward**


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**Richard Lewis, Safety Steward**